

LATEST NEWS

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OVERVIEW

- European jet fuel cargo and barge premiums were assessed lower, shrugging off the fact jet fuel stocks at the ARA hub fell by nearly 10pc on the week.
- US jet fuel prices were mostly higher amid the shift to a December basis, while west coast markets softened.

NEWS

UK September jet demand at highest since 2016

UK jet consumption hit its highest since 2016 last month, according to data from the country's latest submission to the Joint Organisation Data Initiative (Jodi), while road fuel demand was lacklustre.

Kerosine demand rose to 1.454mn t, which was the highest for any month on Jodi records since 2016, jumped by almost a fifth on the year. UK flights were around 4pc lower than pre-Covid 2019 levels in September.

By contrast, road fuel demand receded year on year. Gasoil consumption dropped by 7pc from year-ago levels to 2.415mn t while gasoline demand declined by a more moderate 1pc to 1.156mn t. The UK economy expanded in the second quarter, but registered contractions in the diesel-intensive production and construction sectors.

UK fuel oil demand rose to a 14-month high of 120,000t in September. In the neighbouring Netherlands, Rotterdam's high-sulphur fuel oil (HSFO) bunker sales also reached their highest

PRICE SUMMARY

Price	€/USG	\$/t	\$/bl
Singapore	na	na	na*
South Korea	na	na	na*
Mideast Gulf	na	na	na*
Rotterdam	217.00	718.00*	91.14
Rotterdam SAF	543.13	1,887.88*	228.11
New York	214.72*	703.52	90.18
Houston	206.22*	675.67	86.61
Los Angeles	237.47*	778.06	99.74

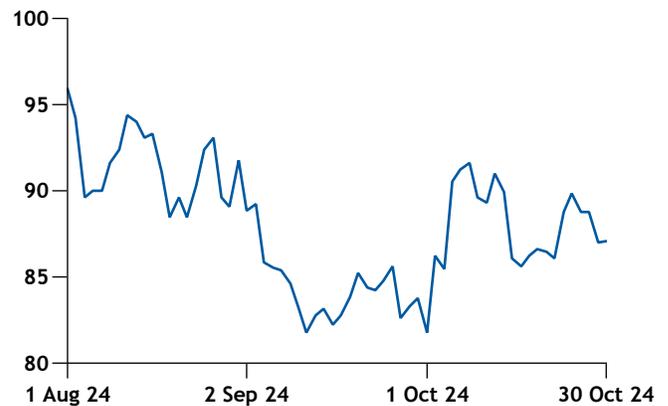
Change on day	€/USG	\$/t	\$/bl
Singapore	na	na	na
South Korea	na	na	na
Mideast Gulf	na	na	na
Rotterdam	+0.98	+3.25*	+0.41
Rotterdam SAF	+2.90	+10.09*	+1.22
New York	+3.71*	+12.16	+1.56
Houston	+4.49*	+14.71	+1.89
Los Angeles	-4.38*	-14.35	-1.84

*assessed unit

*Tables include hyperlinks to those values maintained in the Argus database.

Singapore jet fuel cargo fob

\$/bl



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for nearly five years in the third quarter, as demand for higher-sulphur marine fuel rises with vessels sailing to and from ports east of Suez avoiding the Red Sea to evade potential attacks by Houthis, resulting in longer voyage distances.

UK refined oil product output slumped in September with the onset of seasonal refinery maintenance. Total product output fell by 10pc on the month to 3.798mn t, while fuel oil and gasoline production fell steepest of all to 43- and 40-month lows of 163,000t and 1.067mn t, respectively. Valero's 210,000 b/d Pembroke refinery underwent a [full shutdown](#) in September, weighing on national throughput levels.

By George Maher-Bonnett

Air travel demand, load factors hit Sep record

Commercial air traffic demand and average passenger load factors reached all-time highs for the month of September, as delays in delivery of new aircraft is limiting capacity growth.

Latest data from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) show demand, measured in revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs), increased by 7.1pc on the year to a record high for the month. Airlines in Asia-Pacific accounted for more than half of the overall increase, with Europe playing a significant role, IATA said.

Air traffic demand growth continued to outpace capacity

growth, leading to record passenger load factors for September of 83.6pc, one percentage point higher than year-earlier levels.

Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometres (ASKs), was up by 5.8pc on the year in September, as aircraft delivery delays are curbing seat capacity growth and driving higher load factors.

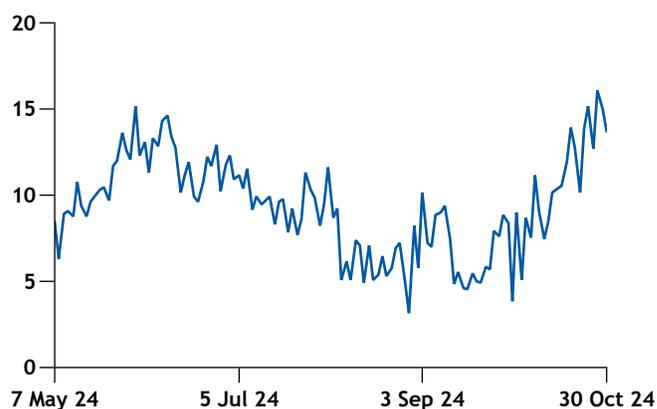
International traffic growth decelerated from August, but continued to be the primary driver for overall air travel demand growth in September, increasing by 9.2pc on the year.

Asia-Pacific posted the strongest year on year growth in international traffic in percentage terms, up by 19pc on the year. International traffic in the region was 10pc lower than it was in September 2019, the slimmest deficit reported since the Covid-19 pandemic.

The second highest growth rate came from Latin American carriers, which registered a 12pc year-on-year increase in international traffic, putting them 14pc above 2019 levels.

Singapore jet fuel premium to Tapis crude

\$/bl



DATA AND DOWNLOADS

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[SAF Refinery Database >> click here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Argus successfully completes annual losco assurance review

Argus has completed the 13th external assurance review of its price benchmarks covering crude oil, oil products, LPG, chemicals, thermal and coking coal, natural gas, biofuels, biomass, metals, fertilizers and agricultural markets. The review was carried out by professional services firm PwC. Annual independent, external reviews of oil benchmarks are required by international regulatory group losco's Principles for Oil Price Reporting Agencies, and losco encourages extension of the reviews to non-oil benchmarks. For more information and to download the review visit our website <https://www.argusmedia.com/en/about-us/governance-compliance>

Argus global spot market prices												
			Daily spot prices						Contract averages			
			Differentials			Prices			Prior week	Prior month	Current MTD	
	Timing	Basis	Low	High	Mean	Low	High	Mean	Mean	Mean	Mean	
Asia-Pacific												
Singapore fob cargo \$/bl	Prompt	Mops	na	na	na	na	na	na	87.99	84.43	87.92	
South Korea fob cargo \$/bl	Prompt	Mops	na	na	na	na	na	na	86.97	83.60	87.05	
Japan c+f cargo \$/bl	Prompt		-	-	-	na	na	na	90.33	86.76	90.29	
Mideast Gulf												
Mideast Gulf fob cargo \$/bl	Prompt	Mopag	na	na	na	na	na	na	85.06	81.15	84.99	
Mideast Gulf fob diff to Ice \$/bl	Prompt	Ice	na	na	na	-	-	-	-2.20	-5.63	-3.86	
Fujairah fob cargo \$/bl	Prompt	Mopag	na	na	na	na	na	na	86.17	83.32	86.48	
Africa												
Durban c+f cargo \$/t	Prompt							na	700.36	666.31	697.32	
West Africa delivered \$/t	Prompt							740.25	735.05	720.92	738.47	
FSU												
Moscow formula incl VAT Rbs/t	Prompt		-	-	-	-	-	77,022	76,121	69,639	76,444	
Moscow formula ex VAT \$/t	Prompt	Ice	-	-	+0.73	-	-	659.48	657.37	636.11	662.80	
Moscow spot fit incl VAT Rbs/t	Prompt		-	-	-	83,500	90,400	86,950	87,250	87,500	87,172	
Moscow spot fit ex VAT \$/t	Prompt		-	-	-	716.96	776.21	746.59	753.49	799.36	755.54	
Chimkent fca incl VAT \$/t, 29 Oct*	Prompt		-	-	-	830	861	846	856.50	828.25	849.50	
Pavlodar fca incl VAT \$/t, 29 Oct*	Prompt		-	-	-	840	851	846	861.50	833.00	848.40	
Atyrau fca incl VAT \$/t, 29 Oct*	Prompt		-	-	-	779	820	800	809.50	805.00	806.10	
Russian-Kazakh border dap \$/t, 29 Oct*	Prompt		-	-	-	790	840	815	825.00	815.00	819.00	
Russian-Kazakh border fca \$/t, 29 Oct*	Prompt		-	-	-	885	941	913	924.00	913.00	917.40	
Europe												
Northwest Europe fob cargo \$/t	Prompt		-	-	-	709.00	710.00	709.50	705.45	686.76	710.77	
Northwest Europe cif cargo \$/t	Prompt	Ice	+48.50	+49.50	+49.00	717.50	718.50	718.00	714.30	696.76	719.14	
Northwest Europe fob barge \$/t	Prompt	Ice	+51.75	+52.25	+52.00	720.75	721.25	721.00	714.75	695.32	718.66	
Mediterranean fob cargo \$/t	Prompt		-	-	-	698.25	699.25	698.75	693.65	680.32	700.93	
Mediterranean cif cargo \$/t	Prompt	Ice	+47.25	+48.25	+47.750	716.25	717.25	716.75	713.05	695.08	717.89	
Mediterranean cif diff to Med fob \$/t	Prompt	fob	+17.50	+18.50	+18.00	-	-	-	+19.90	+15.26	+17.46	
US												
New York cif waterborne 54 grade €/USG	Prompt	Dec	-9.25	-8.25	-8.75	214.22	215.22	214.72	213.85	204.73	214.93	
New York del Colonial 54 grade €/USG	cycle 59	Dec	-9.00	-8.50	-8.75	214.47	214.97	214.72	213.85	204.73	214.93	
New York fob barge 54 grade €/USG	Prompt	Dec	-9.00	-8.50	-8.75	214.47	214.97	214.72	213.85	204.73	214.93	
New York fob Buckeye 54 grade €/USG	Prompt	Dec	-9.00	-8.50	-8.75	214.47	214.97	214.72	213.85	204.73	214.93	
Philadelphia fob Laurel 54 grade €/USG	Prompt	Dec	-9.00	-8.50	-8.75	214.47	214.97	214.72	213.85	204.73	214.93	
del Port Everglades, FL 54 grade €/USG	Prompt	-	0.00	0.00	+10.000	0.00	0.00	216.580	214.06	209.71	216.42	
del Tampa, FL 54 grade €/USG	Prompt	-	0.00	0.00	+10.000	0.00	0.00	216.580	214.06	209.71	216.42	
US Gulf fob waterborne 54 grade €/USG	Prompt	Dec	-15.75	-15.25	-15.50	207.72	208.22	207.97	205.50	199.90	207.69	
US Gulf fob Colonial 54 grade €/USG	cycle 63	Dec	-17.50	-17.00	-17.25	205.97	206.47	206.22	203.75	198.15	205.94	
US Gulf fob Colonial 54 wgt avg €/USG	Prompt	Dec	-	-	-17.29	-	-	206.18	203.74	198.16	205.93	
Jet fuel export cargo €/USG	Prompt	Dec	+2.25	+2.75	+2.50	208.83	209.33	209.08	206.36	202.18	208.80	
Jet fuel A-1 export cargo €/USG	Prompt	Dec	+3.25	+3.75	+3.50	209.83	210.33	210.08	207.36	na	na	
Colonial Pipeline Jet Fuel Weighted Average Strip	Prompt	-	-	-	-	-	-	206.58	-	-	-	
Tulsa fob Group Three Q grade €/USG	Prompt	Dec	-0.96	-0.46	-0.71	222.51	223.01	222.76	226.45	203.95	227.43	
West Shore/Badger fob €/USG	Prompt	Dec	-0.25	+0.25	0.00	223.22	223.72	223.47	228.37	198.39	226.75	
Los Angeles fob €/USG	Prompt	Dec	+13.00	+15.00	+14.00	236.47	238.47	237.47	233.68	206.07	230.02	
LAX fob €/USG	Prompt	Dec	+12.00	+14.00	+13.00	235.47	237.47	236.47	232.68	205.07	229.02	
San Francisco fob €/USG	Prompt	Dec	+13.00	+15.00	+14.00	236.47	238.47	237.47	233.68	206.12	230.02	
Argus US Jet Fuel Index™ €/USG	Prompt		-	-	-	-	-	220.47	219.91	201.83	219.41	
California LCFS premium per carbon intensity point €/USG								0.80				
Oregon LCFS premium per carbon intensity point €/USG								0.52				
Latin America												
del east coast Mexico €/USG	Prompt		-	-	-	211.74	212.24	211.99	207.43	202.92	211.70	
del Rosarito €/USG	Prompt		-	-	-	225.59	226.09	225.84	220.83	216.49	224.88	
del Lazaro Cardenas €/USG	Prompt		-	-	-	224.39	224.89	224.64	219.62	215.28	223.67	
del Progreso \$/m3	Prompt		-	-	-	212.78	213.28	213.03	208.47	203.97	212.74	
del Santos \$/m3	Prompt		-	-	-	-	-	597.46	582.10	571.98	593.70	
del Rio de Janeiro \$/m3	Prompt		-	-	-	-	-	596.75	581.52	571.39	593.05	
del Suape \$/m3	Prompt		-	-	-	-	-	590.10	576.25	565.83	587.01	
del Itaquí \$/m3	Prompt		-	-	-	-	-	585.47	572.34	561.96	582.54	
del Barranquilla \$/m3	Prompt		-	-	-	-	-	567.84	555.04	546.85	567.09	
del Callao \$/m3	Prompt		-	-	-	-	-	593.59	579.66	571.92	591.05	
del Arica, Chile \$/m3	Prompt		-	-	-	-	-	746.77	729.48	719.90	743.61	
del Paraguay \$/m3	Prompt		-	-	-	-	-	745.65	725.73	713.28	740.67	

*weekly prices

Demand for domestic air travel was 3.7pc higher in September than a year earlier. All key markets, except for Japan, achieved all-times highs for September domestic traffic.

Accelerating ticket sales suggest air travel demand will

maintain a positive trend, Iata said. Trip bookings made in August-September for travel in October-November rose by 7.4pc compared with year earlier levels.

By Olivia Young

Argus jet fuel forward curve											
Timing	Singapore cargo swap \$/bl		Northwest Europe cargo swap \$/t		New York barge €/USG			Houston Colonial pipeline €/USG			
	Mean	Change	Mean	Change	Timing	Mean	Change	Timing	Mean	Change	
Month 1	na	na	55.00	-3.00	Prompt	214.72	+3.71	cycle 63	206.22	+4.49	
Month 2	na	na	52.85	-2.65	10 days fwd	211.47	+4.46	cycle 64	206.35	+4.62	
Month 3	na	na	50.25	-2.25	15 days fwd	208.22	+5.21	cycle 65	206.47	+4.74	
Quarter 1	na	na	50.11	-1.89	20 days fwd	204.97	+5.96	cycle 66	206.60	+4.87	
Quarter 2	na	na	49.61	-1.89				cycle 67	206.72	+4.99	
Quarter 3	na	na						cycle 68	206.85	+5.12	

Antilles, FOB St Croix, posted prices					
	31 Oct	29 Oct	28 Oct	25 Oct	23 Oct
Jet/Kerosine €/USG	224.00	217.00	226.00	222.00	230.00
Sustainable aviation fuel (SAF)*					
	Bid	Ask	±		
SAF diff to 7-28 days Ice gasoil** \$/m ³ , 25 Oct	865.00	875.00	0.00		
SAF diff to 7-28 days Ice gasoil** \$/t, 25 Oct	1,138.16	1,151.32	0.00		
SAF fob ARA range \$/m ³	1,429.79	1,439.79	7.67		
SAF fob ARA range \$/t	1,881.30	1,894.46	10.09		
HVO fob ARA range (Class II) \$/t	1,756.14	1,768.96	22.66		
SAF fob Singapore (Class II) netback \$/t	1,805.80	1,818.96	10.09		
SAF fob China \$/t	na	na	na		
SAF del US west coast €/USG	569.89	574.71	-10.56		
	Mid		±		
SAF fob ARA range less HBE-IXB \$/t	523.450		-104.30		
SAF diff to 7-28 days Ice gasoil** \$/m ³ , 25 Oct	885.00		0.00		
SAF diff to 7-28 days Ice gasoil** \$/t, 25 Oct	1,164.47		0.00		
SAF cif NWE range \$/m ³	1,449.78		7.67		
SAF cif NWE range \$/t	1,907.61		10.09		
SAF100 (tallow-based) del California €/USG	538.62		-1.95		
SAF100 (tallow-based) del Illinois €/USG	632.47		4.22		
SAF100 (tallow-based) del USCG €/USG	465.58		6.45		
SAF1 blend fob Singapore \$/t	na		na		
SAF10 blend fob Singapore \$/t	na		na		
SAF30 blend fob Singapore \$/t	na		na		

*Hydrotreated Esters and Fatty Acids (HEFA-SPK)

**SAF-escalated

Spot market deals done

Market	Spec	Timing	Basis	Price	Volume
fob NWE	Jet A-1	5-9 Nov	Mop	-0.50	4000 t
USGC Colonial	Jet A	cycle 63	Dec Nymex	-17.50	25000 bl
USGC Colonial	Jet A	cycle 63	Dec Nymex	-17.50	25000 bl
USGC Colonial	Jet A	cycle 63	Dec Nymex	-17.25	25000 bl
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USGC Colonial	Jet A	cycle 63	Dec Nymex	-17.00	25000 bl
LA	Jet A	Nov	Nymex	+15.00	25000 bl

Hungary set to eliminate airline emissions tax

The Hungarian government plans to cancel its special tax on airlines from 1 January 2025, according to draft modifications.

Budapest introduced the tax in July 2022, initially requiring carriers serving local airports to pay a tax of 3,900 forint (\$10)

Argus jet fuel differential to gasoil				
	Prior week	Prior month	Prior three months	Prior six months
Singapore jet vs 0.5%	+1.72	+1.47	+0.90	+1.06
Rotterdam jet vs 0.1%	+2.06	+2.52	+3.50	+3.24
Houston jet vs heating oil	+2.18	+3.20	+4.88	+14.10

Argus jet fuel differential to crude				
	Prior week	Prior month	Prior three months	Prior six months
Singapore jet vs Dubai na	+13.84	+11.04	+13.22	+13.29
Rotterdam jet vs North Sea Dated	+15.90	+14.12	+16.20	+18.06
Houston jet vs Nymex WTI Dec 24	+14.32	+13.74	+16.79	+19.63

Related markets

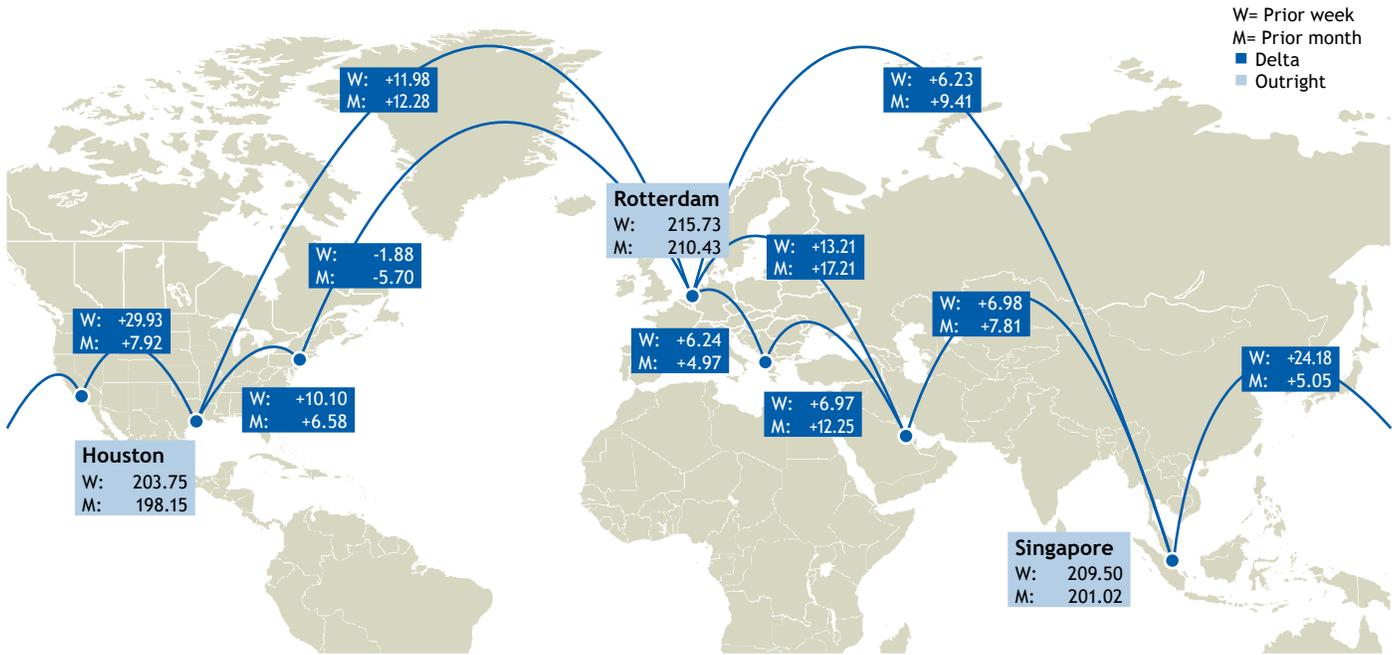
	Nymex heating oil benchmark €/USG	Ice gasoil benchmark \$/t	Nymex WTI settlement \$/bl	Ice Brent settlement \$/bl
Nov 24	221.95	669.00	-	-
Dec-24	223.47	668.25	69.26	73.16
Jan-25	224.17	667.00	68.81	72.81
Feb-25	224.20	667.25	68.45	72.45
Mar-25	223.22	667.00	68.19	72.20
Apr-25	222.04	665.25	68.01	72.04
May-25	221.37	664.50	67.86	71.92
Jun-25	221.10	663.75	67.70	71.80
Jul-25	221.76	664.75	67.53	71.67
Dec-25	225.43	666.75	66.69	70.94
Dec-26	222.63	661.00	65.26	69.71
Dec-27	220.68	661.00	64.43	69.16
Dec-28	-	663.00	63.98	68.85
Dec-29	-	661.50	63.76	68.73

for each passenger departing Hungary to European destinations and Ft9,750 for those flying to other cities. It modified the tax in 2023, which is currently levied at Ft1,600-15,600 per passenger depending on emission level and destination.

The government jointly acquired the Ferenc Liszt International Airport in Budapest with French concessionaire Vinci earlier this year. It aims to boost the number of passengers

ARGUS MARKET MAP

€/USG



Geographic comparisons		Price spreads in €/USG				Price spreads in \$/t			
First center less second center		Prior week	Prior month	Prior three months	Prior six months	Prior week	Prior month	Prior three months	Prior six months
Rotterdam	Singapore	+6.23	+9.41	+11.51	+13.08	+20.44	+30.95	+37.89	+43.10
Los Angeles	Singapore	+24.18	+5.05	+2.38	+7.73	+72.28	+9.87	+0.57	+17.84
Singapore	Mideast Gulf	+6.98	+7.81	+8.31	+10.12	+23.09	+25.85	+27.50	+33.49
Rotterdam	Mideast Gulf	+13.21	+17.21	+19.82	+23.20	+43.53	+56.80	+65.39	+76.59
Mediterranean	Mideast Gulf	+6.97	+12.25	+13.27	+15.29	+22.88	+40.36	+43.74	+50.41
Rotterdam	Mediterranean	+6.24	+4.97	+6.54	+7.91	+20.65	+16.44	+21.65	+26.18
New York	Rotterdam	-1.88	-5.70	-3.64	+0.02	-13.13	-25.47	-19.34	-7.66
Rotterdam	Houston	+11.98	+12.28	+10.22	+6.89	+46.22	+47.03	+40.89	+30.30
New York	Houston	+10.10	+6.58	+6.58	+6.91	+33.09	+21.56	+21.56	+22.64
Los Angeles	Houston	+29.93	+7.92	+1.09	+1.54	+98.06	+25.95	+3.57	+5.05

at the airport to 18.5mn by 2028 and to nearly 20mn by 2030, from 14.7mn in 2023. Passenger traffic was 13mn in January-September this year, Vinci said earlier in October.
By Béla Fincziczki

CARBOB, jet production rises: CEC

US west coast CARBOB production reached an eight-week high alongside rising jet output in the latest week, according to the California Energy Commission (CEC).

California CARBOB production rose to 790,000 b/d during the week ended 25 October, up by 6.1pc from the prior week and the highest since the week ended 30 August, according to CEC data.

CARBOB stocks fell by 2.8pc to 4.7mn bl, the lowest since 12 April. Total gasoline production in California increased by 3pc on the week to just over 890,000 b/d.

California jet fuel output climbed by 3.2pc to 263,000 b/d, marking a second week of gains, according to CEC estimates.

The state's jet fuel stocks ticked up by 0.2pc to 2.81mn bl.

In-state CARB diesel production fell by 1.5pc to 111,000 b/d, their lowest levels since the week ended 4 October. CARB diesel inventories fell by 14.4pc to 1.34mn bl, the lowest since the week ended 31 May.

Production of other diesel fuels – including export-grade EPA ultra-low sulphur diesel (ULSD) and renewable diesel – fell during the week by 6.6pc to 97,300 b/d, contributing to a 14.7pc drawdown in inventories of those fuels to 1mn bl.

California crude throughputs decreased from the prior week by 2.7pc to 1.34mn b/d, and crude stocks were down by 1.3pc to 14.34mn bl.

By Carrie Carter

FERC backs Colonial rate cut settlement

The US Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is set to approve a settlement the Colonial Pipeline negotiated with its customers this summer that would lower rates on the 5,500-mile refined products pipeline by an average of 22.7pc.

The settlement agreement, which was uncontested by customers, appears to be "fair and reasonable and in the public interest," FERC wrote in an order today. FERC said it would approve the settlement so long as Colonial agrees to a modification of removing a reference to "Carrying Costs" that appears to be inadvertently mentioned in the new tariff.

The privately owned Colonial Pipeline transports up to 2.5mn b/d of gasoline, diesel, kerosene, jet fuel and fuel oil from the US Gulf Coast to markets across the eastern US to its terminus in the New York harbor area. Colonial announced the [settlement](#) in August, saying the agreement would resolve all issues in a long-running tariff dispute that customers started in 2017.

Chevron, BP, Phillips 66, Southwest Airlines, American Airlines and other customers of the refined products pipeline were part of the tariff dispute, based on concerns they were being overcharged. FERC last year found some of the complaints had merit and [ordered](#) Colonial to cut rates, prompting [litigation](#). The settlement will require Colonial to end its pending litigation, in addition to following limitations on rate increases in the future.

Colonial previously said it would revise its tariff within one business day of FERC authorization. The order today gives the parties to the settlement 10 business days to accept FERC's proposed modification, or to modify the settlement in a way that resolves FERC's concerns.

By Chris Knight

EU combines import export code for HVO, diesel

The EU has formally adopted a combined nomenclature (CN) import export code for hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO). It has also made a new diesel CN code as a result.

The EU published its CN code list for next year starting 1 January. This includes the code 27101942 for products with less than 10ppm sulphur which have "a bio-based carbon content of at least 80pc by weight". This will be the new code for HVO diesel.

In addition 27101944 is a new code which the EU has listed as all other products with less than 10ppm sulphur – this now includes diesel. This is in line with [provisional guidance given earlier this year](#). Previously, 10ppm diesel had a CN code of 27101943, with the EU effectively splitting this code in two. There will be no separate CN code for HVO jet fuel (SAF).

Import-export activity for HVO had previously been opaque, as HVO was counted in with the far larger diesel market. This made accurate tracking of HVO cargoes impossible, without definitive data from customs bureaus.

Argus first made enquiries to the EU about the possibility of a CN code for HVO, in May 2021. The earliest availability for January 2025 HVO customs data will be published by member states a maximum of 70 days after the end of the month, by mid-April. Some countries publish customs data earlier and it is likely the first figures will be released in mid-March.

By Adam Porter

MARKET COMMENTARY

Asia-Pacific

No commentary due to public holiday.

Europe

European jet fuel cargo and barge premiums were assessed lower on Thursday, shrugging off the fact jet fuel stocks at the ARA hub fell by nearly 10pc on the week. But outright prices increased as the underlying Ice November gasoil contract gained \$10.25/t on the day.

Independently-held jet fuel stocks at the ARA trading and refining hub fell by 96,000t to 921,000t in the week to 30 October, marking the second consecutive week of sharp stock draws, according to consultancy Insights Global. Volumes arrived into the region from Kuwait and Turkey but were outweighed by cargoes departing for the UK and France.

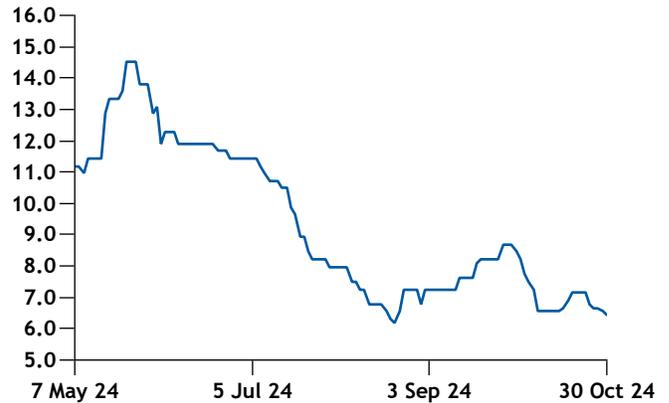
Insights Global said that arrivals into Europe are slowing,

with firm domestic demand in Asian markets reducing available export volumes. But stocks remain more than 33pc above levels of a year earlier. And the four-week average for inventories actually extended its year-on-year gains on the week to settle 36.9pc higher than year-earlier levels.

This comes as fresh data from the UK's Joint Organisation Data Initiative (Jodi), showed UK jet fuel consumption hit its highest level since 2016 in September. Kerosine demand rose to 1.45mn t in September, up by 14pc on the month and 18pc on the year to reach its highest point for any month on Jodi records since 2016. The additional demand was met by sharp increases in jet fuel output from UK refineries and UK imports, which increased by 27pc and 21pc on the year, respectively.

Singapore jet fuel less Mideast Gulf

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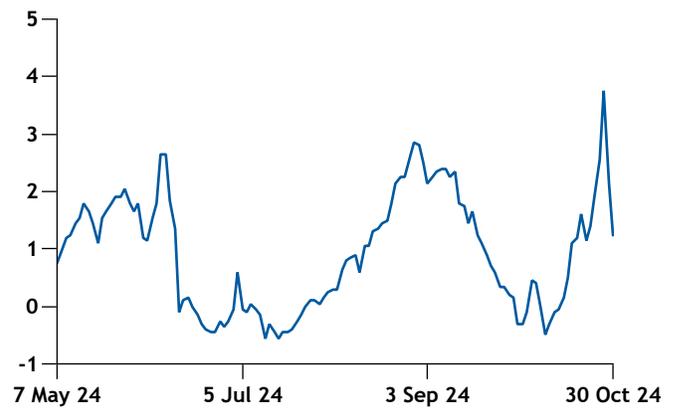
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Singapore jet fuel less 0.5pc gasoil

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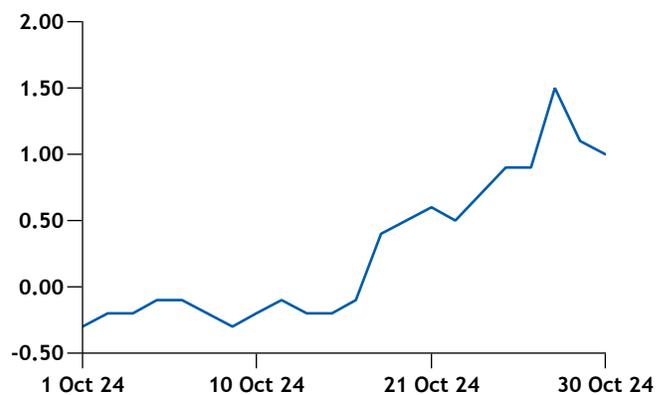
Jet swap Singapore forward curve

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Higher demand largely followed changes in air traffic, with commercial take-offs and landings at UK airports averaging around 6,259 per day in September, up from 6,080 in September 2023 but still lower than the 6,550 registered in September 2019, prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, according to Eurocontrol data.

A trade was reported agreed in the market for fob FARAG barges on Thursday. BP agreed to buy a 4,000t barge from TotalEnergies to load between 5-9 November at a 50¢/t discount to the average of barge spot prices during the proposed loading dates. The trade was equivalent to premiums of \$52/t to Ice November gasoil after normalising to an Ice gasoil basis and adjusting for loading dates. Jet barges were assessed at a \$52/t premium to the November futures, down by \$2.75/t since Wednesday, moving to reflect the trade reported agreed between BP and TotalEnergies.

Liquidity thinned in Thursday's afternoon trading window for jet fuel cargoes delivered to northwest Europe, with selling interest falling from previous sessions. Unipet and Gunvor repeated their offers to sell cargoes delivered to Rotterdam, while Vitol offered a fresh cargo for delivery to the Rotterdam.

The most competitive offer again appeared to come from Unipet for a cargo delivered to Rotterdam between 10-16 November. The offer had price options either at a \$2/t premium to the average of spot prices spanning 1-10 November, or a \$2.50/t discount to the average of spot prices in December.

The more competitive offer option appeared to be the latter, which was equivalent to a premium of \$49.50/t to Ice November gasoil after normalising to an Ice gasoil basis and adjusting for delivery dates. Jet fuel cargoes were assessed at a \$49/t premium to the Ice November gasoil contract, lower by \$7/t since Wednesday, reflecting the price ceiling set by Unipet's unmet offer.

Americas

US jet fuel prices were mostly higher amid the shift to a December basis today, while west coast markets softened.

Jet fuel markets on the US Atlantic coast were steady Thursday as Buckeye jet fuel prices rode Nymex gains upward by 3.71¢/USG to settle at \$2.15/USG. Prompt Buckeye jet fuel finished the day at a -8.75¢/USG differential to December Nymex, down by 1.00¢/USG from last business due to expiry roll. Arbitrage for shipping jet fuel from the US Gulf Coast to New York Harbor via the Colonial pipeline remained economical on paper at +0.90¢/USG, down from +1.69¢/USG the prior session.

Deals for prompt US Gulf coast Colonial 54-grade jet fuel were struck from December Nymex -17.5¢/USG to -17¢/USG,

which caused the cash differential midpoint to rise by 0.88¢/USG over the previous session. Outright prices increased by 4.49¢/USG to \$2.06/USG. The structure of the forward curve for jet fuel flipped to contango when the cycle 63/64 roll was talked between -0.25¢/USG and flat.

On the us midcontinent, Group Three Q grade jet fuel cash differentials eased by 4.7¢/USG to a 0.71¢/USG discount to the December Nymex as the region transitioned to the November trade month. Prices remained unchanged from the previous session.

The arbitrage for shipping jet fuel to Group Three from the US Gulf coast remained open with Q grade settling 16.54¢/USG over its Gulf coast counterpart.

West Shore/Badger jet fuel was assessed at parity with the December Nymex on pegs received from market participants, decreasing cash differentials by 1¢/USG from the previous session. Cash prices rose by 2.62¢/USG to \$2.23/USG.

Arbitrage opportunities for shipping jet fuel to Chicago from the US Gulf coast remained available with West Shore/Badger settling at a 17.25¢/USG over the other region's product.

US west coast jet fuel cash differentials softened on Thursday to partially offset sharp gains in the underlying basis.

Los Angeles jet fuel traded from December Nymex +13¢/USG to +15¢/USG, sending differentials down by 8¢/USG after firming by a combined 9¢/USG the prior three sessions. Outright prices for Los Angeles jet shed 4.38¢/USG to \$2.37/USG in daily comparison. San Francisco jet fuel continued to hold in parity with Los Angeles.

California jet fuel output climbed for the second consecutive week to 263,000 b/d, up by 3.2pc from the prior week, according to CEC estimates. The state's jet fuel stocks ticked up slightly by 0.2pc to 2.81mn bl.

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Proposal to replace freight used for SAF fob Singapore netback

Argus proposes to change its sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) fob Singapore netback assessment following the introduction of new, more specific, freight rates in the Argus Tanker Freight service.

Under this proposal, on 22 November the freight portion of the SAF fob Singapore netback price would be replaced with a new Singapore/Malaysia to ARA, specialised coated IMO3 assessment, assessed by the Argus Tanker Freight service. See the [Argus Tanker Freight methodology](#).

The netback calculation would otherwise be unchanged.

Argus will accept comments on this proposal until 15 November. To discuss the proposal, please contact Sophie Barthel at sophie.barthel@argusmedia.com or + 44 20 4570 3855.

Formal comments should be marked as such and may be submitted by email to biofuels@argusmedia.com and received by 15 November. Please note, formal comments will be published after the consultation period unless confidentiality is specifically requested.

METHODOLOGY

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